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## PIPS for VIPS IV - Part 6

Well, we have finally finished the serialization of Tom Swan's PIPS for VIPS IV. This issue deals mostly with Graphics in machine language, and has the code for the subroutines not yet covered. This means that the documentation for PIPS IV is now complete. By placing the past year's issues in a binder, you will have a complete copy of PIPS IV. You will notice that I've tried to keep un-PIPS-like items on the cover pages, so that you can even eliminate them from your collection. I'd like to thank Tom Swan for this monumental contribution to VIPER and I'm glad that it was possible to get the final PIPS published.

Cassettes of PIPS IV are still available and the cost for the ten programs on the tape is \$5. You may send your check to VIPHCA at the usual address, 32 Ainsworth Avenue, East Brunswick, NJ 08816. Each program on the tape is complete, with the appropriate CHIP-8 interpreter, where necessary. The program titles are:

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| 1. Cos Melodeon       | 6. Move on      |
| 2. Holiday tree       | 7. Box          |
| 3. Attack of Micromen | 8. Shape maker  |
| 4. Line up            | 9. Graphics #1  |
| 5. Sweeper            | 10. Graphics #2 |

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Well Gang, we have completed yet another year of VIPER! My thanks once again to Tom Swan for PIPS IV. The question now, however, is, "Where do we go from here?" I've been worrying over this one for quite a while, and I'm sure most of you have had some concern for VIPHCA's fate after RCA discontinued the manufacture of VIP related items.

I've had notes and letters from a number of you exhorting me to "keep it going" - "there's no other publication for the 1802," etc. But we are going to have to do some hard thinking about this. Each year that it comes time for you out there to renew membership in VIPHCA (meaning, send in your dues) there are some members who do not renew. And this is understandable, since some folks lose interest, or move, or get newer and better computers, and so on. This decrease in membership means not only fewer members, but a greater burden on the dues of each member. We could raise our dues, but that would probably cause even more members to drop out, making the situation worse, not better. It's tough to keep an organization growing when there is no way for new people to get the equipment to join in.

I've been able to effect some economies in the production of VIPER this year, but even so, it is still costing more per issue to publish than two years ago, when we had more members. But it would be a shame to let VIPER fall by the wayside. Perhaps the answer is to expand the sphere of our interests and have material about other low-cost computers. But even there, there's been attrition in the ranks of the manufacturers. Timex has also thrown in the towel. Rumor has it that Radio Shack will discontinue its MC-10 after less than a year on the market. The VIC-20 is still available, but it's days may be numbered. Don't get me wrong, I'm not bitter about this at all--there is a time for everything and we must allow for "progress". You can buy a lot of computer today for what we paid for our VIP and ELF machines.

Please let me know what you would like VIPHCA to do. Since this is the time for you to send in your \$12 dues, send along a note with your thoughts on where we should go from here. Even if you decide not to renew, I'd still like to hear from you!

## SHAPE MAKER

I wrote SHAPE MAKER for several reasons. First, it is a work horse utility that will help make the creation of shape tables easier. Second, I mentioned earlier that register restrictions weren't as bad as they may seem with the Graphics Subs packages. SHAPE MAKER doesn't even use R8, and it is quite an involved program so it is running proof of my conjecture. Third, and this may be the most important, I sense that many of you with little or no 1802 machine language experience may have trouble getting started with using the graphics subs. In particular, I haven't said anything about how to get the hexpad working, usually an important feature of any VIP programming and essential for games. SHAPE MAKER contains many subroutines which are general enough for including in your own programs and contains a lot of answers to potential programming questions for those of you who want to put on your shiny, black FBI shoes and have a look inside the program.

What's it do? You have probably used one of the many CHIP-8 drawing programs to "doodle" on your TV screen. Maybe you have written one. SHAPE MAKER is similar to those programs but only because it too gives you a way to draw pictures on the display. However, the use and purpose of SHAPE MAKER is completely different from any of the doodlers I've seen for the VIP.

Here is a list of the hex key functions available in SHAPE MAKER:

<u>HEX KEY</u>	<u>FUNCTION</u>
0 -	No function
1 -	Move cursor 315 degrees (NW)
2 -	Move cursor 0 degrees (N)
3 -	Move cursor 45 degrees (NE)
4 -	Move cursor 270 degrees (W)
5 -	No function
6 -	Move cursor 90 degrees (E)
7 -	Move cursor 225 degrees (SW)
8 -	Move cursor 180 degrees (S)
9 -	Move cursor 135 degrees (SE)
A -	Put current shape on hold
B -	Recover shape on hold
C -	Draw the current shape
D -	Draw line to the cursor
E -	Erase last line drawn
F -	Start over

### USING THE PROGRAM

Load five pages from tape, or if you are loading by hand, copy the listing exactly as shown into the addresses \$0300 to \$04FF and "mate" with a copy of Graphics Subs Package #1 in locations \$0000 to \$01FF.

When you flip the run switch up, the screen will be blank and the program is expecting you to enter a starting X,Y coordinate which will be displayed in the upper left corner of the display screen. You must enter leading zeros, so to enter the X,Y coordinates (1,F) you would punch in (not too hard) 01 then 0F.

The screen will clear when you enter the fourth digit and a cursor will be blinking at your X,Y coordinates. If you happen to enter coordinates out of the display range ( $0 \leq X \leq 3F$  and  $0 \leq Y \leq 7F$ ) the program automatically adjusts the bad input (rather than

rejecting it) and puts the cursor on the display.

There is no escape from this initializing mode and you must always enter a starting X,Y when the program is expecting it in order to begin drawing shapes.

### THE CURSOR

Use the normal VIP hex key format to move the cursor in eight directions corresponding to the keys 1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9. A little practice with these keys will reveal their functions. The cursor cannot be sent past the edges of the display; there is no wrap around. This makes finding the corners and edges of the display window easy. Notice that when using a diagonal key (#9 for example) the cursor continues to go straight down when running into the right wall until it reaches the bottom right corner. The other diagonal keys work similarly.

The cursor is "non-destructive" meaning you can pass through shapes already on display without disturbing their integrity. (Honest!)

### DRAWING A LINE

After entering a starting X,Y coordinate move the cursor to the point to which you want to draw a line. Pressing Key D will connect the starting X,Y (now invisible) and the cursor. Moving the cursor away from that point to another and pressing Key D will

cause a second line to be drawn, etc. Rather than leaving a trail behind as in other doodle programs, the cursor in SHAPE MAKER is only a position finder. The subroutine LINE in the Graphics Subs Package is called to actually draw a line to the present cursor position. Up to 126 points may be connected before the Shape Table buffer overflows. (More on that in a moment.)

#### ERASING A LINE

Whenever you wish, you may press Key E to erase the last line which was drawn on the screen. The cursor may be anywhere. Of course if there are no lines there to erase, pushing Key E will have no effect. After erasing a line, the cursor will always be positioned at the end of the last line displayed -- you could say at the "head" of the current shape -- and you may continue drawing from that point.

#### STARTING OVER

Pressing Key F takes you back to the beginning of the program to wait for new starting X,Y coordinates just as when you first flip up the run switch. The screen is cleared and the current shape is wiped from memory.

## SEEING YOUR SHAPE

Key C draws the current shape. Since you are already seeing that shape, however, pressing Key C will simply redraw what you are seeing. This may seem a bit useless, but because the program is controlled by a jump table, implementing this function was as simple as entering two bytes into that table.

There are a few occasions when Key C will be a help. When you want to see how fast a shape will be drawn, pressing Key C shows you what drawing the shape will look like perhaps in a program of your own design. It also serves as a confirmation that the shape table is being properly recorded. And when you want to return the cursor to the head of the shape, Key C gets you there.

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Those are the four main functions of SHAPE MAKER forming a control center of hex keys along the right side of the VIP hex pad. There's more, but first let's look at what SHAPE MAKER is doing with the lines you have drawn.

## THE SHAPE TABLE BUFFER

Each time you draw a line to the cursor, SHAPE MAKER inserts the X and Y coordinates of the cursor into an area of memory from \$0700 to \$07FF. This page is called the SHAPE TABLE buffer and may contain up to 127 X,Y points including the starting X,Y plus

an ending \$FFFF two byte stop indicator. (In other words, 126 lines is the maximum that may be drawn from the SHAPE TABLE buffer.)

Erasing a line by using Key E removes the last X,Y pair from the shape table, replacing those coordinates with an \$FFFF stop indicator. Drawing a line inserts X and Y and an \$FFFF byte pair into the SHAPE TABLE. On start up, the entire buffer is set to \$FF bytes as an extra precaution against drawing runaway shapes. This also makes finding the end of a shape table a little easier when doing several shapes for the MERGE subroutine. Just look for all the \$FF's.

After drawing your shape, you may save it on tape by recording one page beginning at \$0700. That shape may then be used in the other programs in this book that work with shape tables.

#### HOLDING AND RESTORING SHAPE TABLES

Pressing Key A puts the current shape on hold, clears the screen and asks for new starting X,Y coordinates, the same as pressing Key F. However, before wiping the current shape from memory, Key A's routine copies the SHAPE TABLE buffer from \$0700 to \$0800 thus preserving your shape.

You may then draw new shapes without disturbing the old one. In the program's present version, there is no way to show two shapes at one time on the display screen.

Pressing Key B brings the shape on hold back into the SHAPE

TABLE buffer so you may continue working on it. The shape is still on hold at the same time and may be brought into the display area at any time, as many times as you wish.

There may only be one shape on hold at a time. Putting a new shape on hold replaces whatever shape was previously on hold.

Restoring a shape from the hold buffer when there is no shape on hold will produce strange effects and may cause the cursor to be positioned out of its display range (though it will be visible). In that case Key F gets you out of trouble.

#### HINTS ON USING

The more I use this program, the more I discover things that may be done with it. Here are some suggestions:

To save a shape on a cassette for working on later, record the SHAPE TABLE buffer at \$0700 as said earlier. To bring that shape back, load one page at \$0800. This puts the old shape from the cassette into the hold buffer. Then after entering a starting X,Y pair, pressing Key B will bring the shape into the SHAPE TABLE buffer for viewing or changing.

You may enter X,Y coordinates into the HOLD buffer using the write mode of your VIP too. Simply start at \$0800, enter a starting X,Y pair, then as many X,Y pairs as you want up to and including address \$08FD. Be sure to end a hand loaded SHAPE TABLE with \$FFFF, or Key B will cause it to be bent out of shape! See the chapter on the SHAPE sub in the Graphics Subs Packages section

for the SHAPE TABLE format. Be sure to use X,Y coordinates within the proper ranges.

Because pressing Key F is potentially dangerous -- it wipes the current SHAPE TABLE buffer clean -- I suggest you frequently use Key A to preserve your work up to a certain point in the HOLD buffer. With a shape on display, first press Key A. Enter any starting coordinates (0000 -- FFFF -- it doesn't matter here) then press Key B. Now you may keep right on working with your shape. If you happen to press Key F accidentally, you can always recover your shape as it was last saved rather than having to start over.

I thought I didn't program a clear-screen-home-cursor function, but I find now that I did! Enter a starting X,Y of 00,00 then press Key A when the cursor appears. You have to re-enter 00,00 and may then begin drawing shapes. What you have done is to create an empty SHAPE TABLE in the HOLD buffer. Everytime you press Key B, the "non shape" is brought into view thus clearing the screen and returning the cursor to its "home." You may enter any starting X,Y coordinates other than 0,0 -- maybe the center of the screen would be useful -- and follow the above procedure. Pressing Key B will "home" the cursor to your selected coordinates -- a programmable home function!

To see your starting point on the screen, press Key D once before moving the cursor the first time. Now when you move the cursor away from the starting X,Y position, that position will show up as a stationary white dot. Of course, the dot's

coordinates have been entered into the shape table (actually twice as the first line drawn is just from and to the same point). This may or may not be important depending on how you plan to use the SHAPE TABLE.

#### SOME CAUTIONS

Pressing Key D (draw line) several times in succession, while not having a visible effect, will cause the current X,Y coordinates of the cursor to be repeatedly entered into the SHAPE TABLE. Though these unnecessary points will not affect the drawing of your shape (except to slow it down a little) the extra points will appear to disable Key E (erase line). If you press Key E and nothing appears to happen, this is the probably cause. You have to press Key E once for each of the extra X,Y pairs in the SHAPE TABLE until lines will begin to be erased again. If Key E seems to stop working, just keep pressing it. Eventually it will come out of it.

When you have entered the maximum number of lines, SHAPE MAKER will refuse to draw any more. If Key D (draw line) has stopped functioning, then the SHAPE TABLE is full. Full SHAPE buffers may be placed on hold and recovered and worked on exactly as others except that the \$FFFF stop indicator will not be sent to the HOLD buffer. This causes no problems when using SHAPE MAKER as the SHAPE TABLE buffer is always ended with \$FFFF. However,

if you record a full SHAPE TABLE from the HOLD buffer at \$0800, it will not contain the \$FFFF stop indicator. For this reason, it is best to always record from the SHAPE TABLE buffer at \$0700 and load into the HOLD buffer at \$0800. This will guarantee that any size SHAPE TABLE will be properly terminated.

All lines are drawn with \$012D in the POINT sub set to \$F1, the 1802 logical OR instruction. However, to get the cursor to blink and move, this location is changed from \$F1 to \$F3 (logical XOR) then back again. In the listing, you will see the subroutine ORXOR which does the job of changing that memory location. This is some of the self-modifying code you may have heard me be cautious of in the past. Be careful. While seemingly harmless, the ORXOR sub is a loaded weapon using a breed of insect commonly referred to unromantically as just plain "BUG!" If you reset the VIP when \$012D is one way, rerunning SHAPE MAKER would then cause that byte to possibly start out with the wrong value. In other words, we want to go flip-flop-flip (OR-XOR-OR) but if it starts out with \$012D=\$F3=XOR, the program will go flop-flip-flop (XOR-OR-XOR) and won't work at all!

This is easily fixed by initializing \$012D to \$F1=OR early in the program. Now, when resetting the computer, it doesn't matter which way \$012D is set, it will be properly reset on the next run.

But don't breathe too easily. Let's say you want to make a

copy of SHAPE MAKER\*. First you run the program, then record it somewhere. Fine for SHAPE MAKER. Then one day next year you decide to use the Graphics Subs Package from the first two pages of SHAPE MAKER but it doesn't work as it should! Because you can never be sure which way \$012D is set after running SHAPE MAKER, it is best never to use its Graphics Subs Package for other programs. See what I mean about self-modifying code?

#### GO AHEAD -- BUTCHER IT

The listing for SHAPE MAKER is well documented but there are several non-graphics subroutines you may want for your own programs. The ones that get the hexpad working are particularly important.

It is not possible for you to use the hexpad sub included in your ROM VIP operating system with the Graphics Subs. That routine requires the interrupt timer R8 to be decremented every 1/60 seconds and the Graphics Subs Packages' interrupts do not do this to R8.

The subs GETKEY and CHEKEY (CHECK-KEY) at \$0400 and \$0419 give you similar hexpad operations that you have when programming in CHIP-8. GETKEY will wait until any key is pressed, then return the hex digit in the high part of register RF (RF.1) corresponding to that key. It works similarly to the ROM routine except that

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it uses its own timing loops to sound the tone and debounce the key press. EF3, the 1802 flagline, is true only if the low four bits of the byte sent to the hexpad circuit matches that produced when pressing on one of the keys. At least that's a reasonable software explanation of how it works. See your manual if you want to know more about the electrical connections.

To use GETKEY, simply call the subroutine. Afterwards, RF.1 contains the hex digit of the key pressed.

CHEKEY works a little differently. It checks to see if a particular key is being pressed but does not wait for a keypress signal. In this sense it is a dynamic routine because it may be used continuously in a program loop without holding up the works.

To use CHEKEY, first preset RF.1 equal to the hex key value you want to check. The first four bits are of no importance in this value so that A1 or 61 or 01 would all work to check if Key 1 is being pressed.

When the subroutine returns to your main program, RF.0 will contain either the value 00 or 01. If it is 00 then that key is not being pressed. If it is 01 then the key in question is feeling the pressure.

For an example of one way to use CHEKEY, study the instructions from \$0312 to \$031F in the program's main loop. RF.1 is cycled through the values \$0F to \$00 by one in that order. As long as no key is being pressed, then the program will continue to loop around, decrementing RF.1 on each pass, and blinking the cursor

every sixteen loops. Only if a key is being pressed will the branch at \$031F not be taken. If any key is being pressed, then control will "fall through" that point continuing on to the instructions at \$0321-\$032B. When that happens, the value of the hex key pressed is in RF.1.

At that point a test is made to see if RF.1 is less than \$0A. If it is, then the branch at \$0324 is taken, going directly to the point in the program that calls the various function subroutines. However, if the key pressed is A or greater, the branch at \$0326 holds control there until the key is released making EF3 not true. Then the function will be performed. This is important as it allows the keyboard to be split up into those keys which automatically cause something to happen as long as they are being pressed, and those that will select a function only one time when they are pressed and released. Obviously, you wouldn't want to press a key each time you want the cursor to move, and erasing the last ten lines drawn before you can get your finger off the button wouldn't make life easy.

Though your program may use a different register for holding X,Y coordinates, the MOVE subroutines should be helpful to you. These are located from \$0397 through \$03D0 and form an eight subroutine block that may be used to change X and Y in any of eight directions. Notice that the diagonal subs simply call the horizontal and vertical subs in order to move the cursor. Also notice that there are redundancies which could have been replaced

by short branches. I much prefer having each sub do its own job rather than jumping around just for the purpose of saving a few program bytes.

The same philosophy, by the way, has been followed throughout the program to make hacking it to pieces that much more pleasant. In particular, one optimization technique that would result in an increased running speed has been avoided. The technique suggests looking for subroutines that end with a call to another subroutine before executing a return. In that case, a branch to the subroutine would work as well with that routine executing the final return.

For example, look at the MOVE sub at \$03A5. The last CALL may be replaced with a short branch to \$03CA for a two byte savings and a speed increase because the SCRT CALL and RETN subs are executed once less each. Even juicier is the prospect of simply removing the CALL and RETN instructions at 03AF and 03B2. Since that sub is just going to CALL the next one in line, it could be left to run on through directly to the next routine without any ill effects.

This is an important optimization technique and I use it and others frequently. But linking routines together in this way must be done only to programs that are completely debugged and hopefully in their final forms. Otherwise, moving or altering one section of the program could have disastrous effects on who knows how many others. In SHAPE MAKER I purposely made every subroutine

hold its own. Not only is the program more easily wrenched apart (hope you got your wrenches handy), but I think each routine is easier to read and understand this way.

#### USING THE ROM HEX DISPLAY

The subroutine at \$0426 may be used to display hex digits. Bit patterns for these digits are kept in the VIP operating system ROM and accessed by the DSPHEX sub. Place the digit you want to display in RF.1, set RD to some address within the display page and call DSPHEX. Note that RD is an address not a coordinate where you want the top of the hex digit to appear. Double precision arithmetic is used so that digits may be displayed in high resolution though except for that, the ROM routine would work just as well. (See VIPER Vol 1, Issue 3 for a documented listing of the VIP operating system routines.)

DOUBLD is really just a combination of GETKEY and DSVDIG permitting keyboard entry of two digits, returning those digits as a single eight-bit byte value in RF.1. Again, RD must be properly set before calling DOUBLD.

#### JUMP TABLES WITH SCRT

Using the SCRT for subroutines complicates one of the nice features about 1802 machine language programming. Usually, any register may be used as the program counter. Subroutine addresses

may be kept in a table and simply loaded into a register. Making that register the program counter serves as the fastest means in microcomputing of calling a subroutine.

JUMPER is a little program that allows a similar technique in SCRT programs, though it lacks the speed of the other method.

At first this routine may seem a little strange. The first line of the sub actually calls its own following instruction! What this does is to push the return address of the main calling routine onto the stack -- there will never be a return to location \$3D4. At this point R6 is equal to \$03D4 to where if a return were executed, the program would proceed by setting R6 to the address of a sub kept in the jump table (JMPTAB), the next execution of a RETN will cause that sub to begin running. Actually, the RETN is being used to CALL subs which presumably end with their own RETN instruction. That RETN passes control back to the routine that originally called JUMPER using the address from the stack put there with the call at \$03D1. Most important, JUMPER is capable of functioning in Read Only Memory. If this seems confusing, study the CALL and RETN routines to see how they work. JUMPER is a little madness added to those routine's methods.

#### MODIFICATIONS -- A WALK THROUGH

Two keys on the hex pad have not been used. You may write your own routines and insert their addresses into the Jump Table

to enable new functions. End your subroutines with a \$D5 RETN instruction.

You may easily change what keys do what by switching around the subroutine addresses in the Jump Table. For example to make Key C do what Key D does and vice versa, just enter \$046A at \$03F8 and \$045E at \$03FA. Remember that Keys 0 through 9 are instantly active while Keys A through C must be pressed and released to work.

For an example of how to add your own routines, first load in SHAPE MAKER, then follow along while we walk through the necessary steps.

It may be helpful to know at what address the SHAPE TABLE extends to so that MERGE shapes may be constructed to be all the same length. Wouldn't it be nice to have SHAPE MAKER display that address rather than having to look through each SHAPE TABLE for the \$FFFF stop indicator and then adjust each table to size by hand?

First decide on which key you want to select this function. I'll pick Key 0. Though it is one of the instantly active keys, there's an easy way around that limitation.

Next, what are the things the routine needs to accomplish? It is a good idea to just write all the steps down rather than try to program or write a flowchart at this point. In fact, if you state the function clearly, flowcharts will often not be needed.

This is my list of steps:

- 1) Clear the display
- 2) Show the last address used in the SHAPE TABLE
- 3) Erase the address
- 4) Return the shape to the display

Thinking about each separate step in this way helps simplify writing the final routine. Numbers 1 and 3 are easy. The Graphics Subs Package CLEAR sub will handle both of these with a single call. Number 4 is also uncomplicated. Remember Key C? It draws the current shape. Turning to that subroutine at \$045E, we see that all input requirements have already been met. R7.1 is set before the main loop begins, and we know there is a shape table in the buffer. So again, number 4 may easily be programmed with a simple call to \$045E.

On careful examination of the KEYC sub, notice that before drawing the shape, the screen is cleared. Bells and whistles should be going off. Look again at the list of steps above. Number 3 is not really needed -- the CALL to KEYC will take care of erasing the address.

Now let's see. First we clear the screen, show the address then return the old shape. Oops! That won't give you much time to write the address down, maybe not even to see it at all! Better make #3 above read "Wait for any keypress." Once again that is pretty easy. Just call GETKEY and the program will wait till any key is pressed.

That leaves number 2 for which there are no subs to do the whole job. We want to display a double hex digit number, probably using the subroutine DSPHEX. At this point you may want to write down the individual steps for number 2 -- set RD, display one digit, display other digit, etc. -- and you're ready to program.

Key 0 is the only snag. We want to have it act like Keys A through F or the routine will be over and done before you can get your finger off the key. Because EF3 will be true if a key is still being pressed on entry to any sub, it can be tested to be sure the key will be released before going on. This is best done at the entry to the sub.

Now pick an unused area of memory, let's start at \$0330, and using the list of steps, program each one. Here's what I came up with. I called it the ADDRS sub.

0330	36 30	ADDRS:	B3	ADDRS	;Wait here till key is released
32	D4 01 30		CALL	CLEAR	;Do number one. Clear display
35	9B		GHI	RB	;Set RD to the address in
36	BD		PHI	RD	; the display where digits are to
37	F8 F0		LDI	\$FO	go. See INPUT to DSPHEX
39	AD		PLO	RD	
3A	87		GLO	R7	;Get address of SHAPE TABLE
3B	F6		SHR		; end from R7.0. We want to
3C	F6		SHR		; show the first digit, so
3D	F6		SHR		; shift it to the right
3E	F6		SHR		
3F	BF		PHI	RF	;Put in RF.1 to pass to sub
0340	D4 04 26		CALL	DSPHEX	;Do sub to display the digit
43	87		GLO	R7	;Get address again and mask
44	FA OF		ANI	\$OF	; with AND for second digit
46	BF		PHI	RF	;Put in RF.1 to pass to sub
47	D4 04 26		CALL	DSPHEX	;Do sub to display the digit
4A	D4 04 00		CALL	GETKEY	;Wait for any keypress
4D	D4 04 5E		CALL	KEYC	;Show the shape again
50	D5		RETN		;End -- return to main loop

Now that the routine has been written and entered into memory, it has to be enabled. To do this, the address of the sub must be entered into the Jump Table. Turning to JMPTAB at \$03E0, look for the reserved space for KEY 0. In this case, that happens to be at

\$03E0 so enter \$0330 at that address and you're done. (If it works.) Want Key 5 instead? Then enter \$0330 at \$03EA instead. It's that simple.

I haven't gone through all the mental processes involved. You need to be familiar with the register use, etc. After all, I knew that R7.0 addresses the end of a shape table at all times and splitting a byte into its four-bit halves is no new trick to me. But that's generally how you may want to go about adding functions to SHAPE MAKER. Good luck!

#### SUGGESTIONS

When you do add a function, send it in to the VIPER so all of us may share your discovery. Here's a few ideas to get you started.

- 1) New HOLD function that doesn't go back to the initializing routine. Faster than Key A for saving partially created SHAPES.
- 2) Display shape table in hex. Allow entry of bytes from the hex pad. Like a CHIP-8 editor.
- 3) Combine hold and current shape. Restores the HOLD buffer and overdraws shape without erasing the one already on display.

For more ambitious programming sessions:

- 1) Let HOLD Key A select a bank of memory pages into which you may put several SHAPES on hold. Allow restoring any

one of these SHAPES from any of the various HOLD buffers.

- 2) Merge two HOLD buffers together. Requires extensive relocating of MERGE sub and probably a new MERGE controller.
- 3) Rearrange all SHAPE buffers into one long string of SHAPES ending with an extra \$FFFF stop indicator and ready for MERGING.
- 4) Reposition an entire SHAPE by a specified amount. Adds or subtracts a quantity from all X,Y's in a table keeping the results within display limits.
- 5) Add rotation, scale, stretch features using the same idea. Formulas available in most computer magazines.

## SHAPE MAKER

### REGISTER ASSIGNMENT

R0 - DMA Pointer  
R1 - Interrupt routine program counter  
R2 - Stack Pointer  
R3 - Normal program counter  
R4 - CALL routine program counter  
R5 - RETN routine program counter  
R6 - Pointer to return and arguments  
R7 - Addresses SHAPE TABLE buffer at \$0700-\$07FF  
R8 - Not used  
R9 - Used by Graphics Subs  
RA - " "  
RB - RB.1=display page starting address  
RC - Cursor X,Y (RC.0=X, RC.1=Y)  
RD - Destination address for hex digits  
RE - Utility  
RF - Utility - RF.1 used in hexpad routines

Also see Graphics Subs Register Assignment and Memory Map for additional details.

### MEMORY MAP (4K)

0000 - 01FF -- Graphics Subs Package #1 (see ORXOR warning)  
0200 - 02FF -- Stack  
0300 - 04FF -- SHAPE MAKER program -- 032D-0372 available  
0500 - 06FF -- Available for expansion  
0700 - 07FF -- SHAPE TABLE buffer  
0800 - 08FF -- HOLD buffer  
0900 - 0BFF -- Available for expansion  
0C00 - 0FFF -- Display refresh

### SYMBOL TABLE

*BEGIN	- 0300	D0	- 03B3	DSPHEX	- 0426
MOVMEM	- 0373	D90	- 03BA	DOUBLD	- 0447
HOLD	- 0385	D180	- 03C1	KEYC	- 045E
RECVR	- 038E	D270	- 03CA	KEYD	- 046A
D45	- 0397	JUMPER	- 03D1	KEYE	- 0489
D135	- 039E	JMPTAB	- 03E0	ORXOR	- 04A7
D225	- 03A5	GETKEY	- 0400	CURSOR	- 04B2
D315	- 03AC	CHEKEY	- 0419	TIMER	- 04CD
				INIT	- 04D5

\*SHAPE MAKER runs as a non returning "subroutine" of the Graphics Subs. Except for BEGIN, all of the above routines may be called as individual subroutines from your own added functions.

## SHAPE MAKER

0300	F8 07	BEGIN:	LDI \$07	; Initialize R7.1=\$07=start
02	B7		PHI R7	; address of shape table
03	F8 01		LDI \$01	; Set RF to address the
05	BF		PHI RF	; OR-XOR instruction in
06	F8 2D		LDI \$2D	; the POINT sub
08	AF		PLO RF	
09	F8 F1		LDI \$F1	; Set that instruction to OR (\$F1)
0B	5F		STR RF	; Needed <u>possibly</u> on using reset
				; switch
OC	D4 04 D5		CALL INIT	; Initialize everything

;Begin Main Loop

030F	D4 04 B2	1H:	CALL CURSOR	; Blink cursor on/off
12	F8 10		LDI \$10	; Preset RF.1=\$10 to check
14	BF		PHI RF	; Keys 0 thru F
15	9F	2H:	GHI RF	; Subtract 1 from value
16	FF 01		SMI \$1	; in RF
18	3B 0F		BM 1B	; If minus (RF.1 was 00), take branch
1A	BF		PHI RF	; Else put in RF.1
1B	D4 04 19		CALL CHEKEY	; See if that key is depressed *
1E	8F		GLO RF	; Test flag returned from CHEKEY
1F	32 15		BZ 2B	; If=0 then loop. Key not pressed
21	9F		GHI RF	; Test if RF.1 (key pressed)
22	FF 0A		SMI \$A	; is greater than \$09
24	3B 28		BM 4F	; If not, then go to function
26	36 26	3H:	B3 3H	; Else wait till key is <u>released</u>
28	D4 03 D1	4H:	CALL JUMPER	; Then go jump to function
2B	30 0F		BR 1B	; Loop all over again

;End Main Loop

032D to 0372 -- Available

\*Poor key. Cheer up, you could be in a Radio Shack computer.

## MOVE MEMORY SUB

;Input: Page addresses as two byte OMON  
 parameter following CALL  
 ;Output: Page OM transferred to page ON less  
 last two bytes  
 ;Called by:HOLD RECSR  
 ;Changes: R6(return address), RE, RF

0373	46	MOVMEM:	LDA R6	;Pick up address parameters
74	BE		PHI RE	; and place in RE (from page)
75	46		LDA R6	; and in RF (to page)
76	BF		PHI RF	
77	F8 FD		LDI \$FD	;Then set low byte =\$FD
79	AE		PLO RE	; to never replace the last.
7A	AF		PLO RF	; two (\$FF) bytes in table
7B	EF		SEX F	;X=F for using STXD instruction
7C	OE	1H:	LDN RE	;Move memory from M(R(E))
7D	73		STXD	; to M(R(F)) incrementing
7E	2E		DEC RE	; both pointers
7F	8E		GLO RE	
80	3A 7C		BNZ 1B	
82	OE		LDN RE	;Take care of the last
83	5F		STR RF	; byte here
84	D5		RETN	;Return from subroutine

## HOLD/RECOVER SHAPES

;Input: None for either sub  
 ;Output: Appropriate page transfer  
 ;Called by:Main Loop  
 ;Calls: MOVMEM INIT KEYC  
 ;Changes: No registers directly

### PUT SHAPE ON HOLD (M(\$700) to M(\$800))

0385	D4 03 73	HOLD:	CALL MOVMEM	;Do memory move sub
88	07 08		.WRD=\$07,\$08	;Pass from/to address parameters
8A	D4 04 D5		CALL INIT	;Re-initialize
8D	D5		RETN	;Return

### RECOVER SHAPE ON HOLD

8E	D4 03 73	RECSR:	CALL MOVMEM	;Do memory move sub
91	08 07		.WRD=\$08,\$07	;Pass from/to address parameters
93	D4 04 5E		CALL KEYC	;Display shape & set R7, RC
96	D5		RETN	;Return

## MOVE CURSOR SUBS

;Input (All moves): RC=cursor in proper range  
 ;Output: RC adjusted accordingly limited to  
 screen edges  
 ;Called by: Main Loop (straights called by diagonals)  
 ;Calls: (diagonals call straights)  
 ;Changes: RC probably

### MOVE 45 DEGREES

0397	D4 03 B3	D45:	CALL D0	;Move 0 and 90 degrees
9A	D4 03 BA		CALL D90	; equals 45
9D	D5		RETN	;Return

### MOVE 135 DEGREES

039E	D4 03 BA	D135:	CALL D90	;Move 90 and 180 degrees
A1	D4 03 C1		CALL D180	; equals 135
A4	D5		RETN	;Return

### MOVE 225 DEGREES

03A5	D4 03 C1	D225:	CALL D180	;Move 180 and 270 degrees
A8	D4 03 CA		CALL D270	; equals 225
AB	D5		RETN	;Return

### MOVE 315 DEGREES

03AC	D4 03 CA	D315:	CALL D270	;Move 270 and 0 degrees
AF	D4 03 B3		CALL D0	; equals 315
B2	D5		RETN	;Return

### MOVE 0 DEGREES

03B3	9C	D0:	GHI RC	;Get Y coordinate
B4	32 B9		BZ 1F	;If already=00, branch to exit
B6	FF 01		SMI \$1	;Else subtract 1
B8	BC		PHI RC	;Put new Y back
B9	D5	1H:	RETN	;Return

### MOVE 90 DEGREES

03BA	8C	D90:	GLO RC	;Get X coordinate
BB	FB 3F		XRI \$3F	;If already = \$3F
BD	32 CO		BZ 1F	; then branch to exit
BF	1C		INC RC	;Else add 1 to X (RC.0)
CO	D5	1H:	RETN	;Return

### MOVE 180 DEGREES

03C1	9C	D80:	GHI	RC	;Get Y coordinate
C2	FC	01	ADI	\$1	;Add 1
C4	FE		SHL		;Test if that makes it > \$7F
C5	33	C9	BDF	1F	;If so, branch to exit
C7	F6		SHR		;Else restore the value
C8	BC		PHI	RC	;Put new Y back
C9	D5	1H:	RETN		;Return

### MOVE 270 DEGREES

03CA	8C	D270:	GLO	RC	;Get X coordinate
CB	32	D0	BZ	1F	;If already=00, branch to exit
CD	FF	01	SMI	\$1	;Else subtract 1
CF	AC		PLO	RC	;Put new X back
DO	D5	1H:	RETN		;Return

### JUMPER

;Input: RF.1=a hex key digit in the form ON  
 ;Output: Subroutine from JMPTAB is called  
 ;Called by: Main Loop  
 ;Calls: Itself and the subroutine indirectly  
 ;Changes: R6, RF

03D1	D4	03	D4	JUMPER:	CALL JUMP2	;Push the return address onto stack	
D4	9F			JUMP2:	GHI	RF	;Get passed hex digit
D5	FE				SHL		;Multiply by 2
D6	FC	E0			ADI	\$JMPTAB.0	;Add base address of table
D8	AF				PLO	RF	;Put in RF.0
D9	93				GHI	R3	;Set RF.1 = page address
DA	BF				PHI	RF	; of table = PC.1
DB	4F				LDA	RF	;Get address from table
DC	B6				PHI	R6	; and place in R6 holding
DD	0F				LDN	RF	; the "return" jump address
DE	A6				PLO	R6	
DF	D5				RETN		; "Return" to call subroutine

### JUMP TABLE

03E0	03DF	JMPTAB	;KEY 0 - No function, return
E2	03AC		;KEY 1 - Move diagonally 315 degrees
E4	03B3		;KEY 2 - Move straight 0 degrees
E6	0397		;KEY 3 - Move disgonally 45 degrees

03E8	03CA	;KEY 4 - Move straight 270 degrees
EA	03DF	;KEY 5 - No function, return
EC	03BA	;KEY 6 - Move straight 90 degrees
EE	03A5	;KEY 7 - Move diagonally 225 degrees
03FO	03C1	;KEY 8 - Move straight 180 degrees
F2	039E	;KEY 9 - Move diagonally 135 degrees
F4	0385	;KEY A - Put shape on hold
F6	038E	;KEY B - Restore shape from hold
F8	045E	;KEY C - Show current shape table
FA	046A	;KEY D - Draw line to cursor
FC	0489	;KEY E - Erase last line drawn
FE	04D5	;KEY F - Start over/Enter starting X,Y

#### WAIT AND GET HEXPAD KEYPRESS

;Input: None  
 ;Output: RF.1=key pressed (waits until key is pressed)  
 ;Called by:DOUBLD Main Loop  
 ;Changes: RF

0400	2F	GETKEY: DEC RF	;Value of RF not important, we
01	8F	GLO RF	; only need to cycle through
		STR R2	; all hex digits
02	52		;Push RF.0 as comparison with
03	62	OUT DEV2	;Keyboard value
04	22	DEC R2	;Output that value (MSD unimportant)
05	E2	SEX 2	;R(X) was incremented. Reset it
06	E2	SEX 2	;Kill time to allow keyboard to
			; respond (i.e. for propagation
			; delays)
07	3E 00	BN3 GETKEY	;If no match, loop. Key not pressed
09	7B	SEQ	;Tone on. Key pressed
0A	F8 10	1H: LDI \$10	;Set up for loop of about \$1000
			; times
0C	BF	PHI RF	
0D	2F	2H: DEC RF	;Loop here to sound the tone at
0E	9F	GHI RF	; least for a short time period
0F	3A 0D	BNZ 2B	; and for some debounce
11	36 0A	B3 1B	;Loop if key still pressed
13	F0	LDX	;Pop stack. LSD=key pressed
14	FA OF	ANI \$0F	;Strip off useless first four bits,
16	BF	PHI RF	; leaving only the correct digit.
			; Save in RF.1
17	7A	REQ	;Tone off
18	D5	RETN	;Return. Keypress in RF.1

### CHECK FOR KEY PRESSED

;Input: RF.1=value to test  
 ;Output: RF.0=0=key not being pressed  
           RF.1=0=key is being pressed  
 ;Called by:Main Loop  
 ;Changes: RF.0

0419	F8 00	CHEKEY:	LDI \$0	;Preset RF.0=0 as a flag
1B	AF		PLO RF	
1C	9F		GHI RF	;Get the value to be tested
1D	52		STR R2	;Push to prepare to output
1E	62		OUT DEV2	;Output M(R(X))
1F	22		DEC R2	;Reset stack pointer incremented
				; by OUT
20	3E 25		BN3 1F	;If no match, go to exit
22	F8 01		LDI \$1	;Else set RF.0=1 to flag that
24	AF		PLO RF	; the key is being pressed
25	D5	1H:	RETN	;Return

### DISPLAY HEX DIGIT

;Input: RF.1=digit for display  
           RD=destination address in the display page  
 ;Output: Digit displayed. RD=RD+1  
 ;Called by:DOUBLD  
 ;Changes: RD, RE, RF.0

0426	F8 81	DSPHEX:	LDI \$81	;RE.1 addresses an index
28	BE		PHI RE	; table in VIP ROM containing
29	9F		GHI RF	; the hex bit patterns for the
2A	AE		PLO RE	; 16 hex digits
2B	4E		LDA RE	;Get start address of bits
2C	AE		PLO RE	;Put in RE. RE addresses bits now
2D	F8 05		LDI \$5	;Set up RF.0 as loop count
2F	AF		PLO RF	; for 5 bit lines
30	4E	1H:	LDA RE	;Get a row of bits from ROM
31	5D		STR RD	;Put in display (destructively)
32	8D		GLO RD	;Add 8 to RD using double
33	FC 08		ADI \$8	; precision arithmetic to
35	AD		PLO RD	; move RD down one bit
36	9D		GHI RD	; row in the display
37	7C 00		ADCI \$0	
39	BD		PHI RD	
3A	2F		DEC RF	;Count number lines shown
3B	8F		GLO RF	;Test the counter
3C	3A 30		BNZ 1B	;If≠0, loop to do another bit row

043E	8D	GLO RD	;Reset RD so that it is
3F	FF 27	SMI \$27	; exactly one byte past
41	AD	PLO RD	; where it was on entry
42	9D	GHI RD	; Thus subsequent calls
43	7F 00	SMBI \$0	; may more easily display
45	BD	PHI RD	; a string of digits
46	D5	RETN	;Return from subroutine

#### GET AND DISPLAY DOUBLE DIGIT HEX VALUE

;Input: RD=destination address for display  
 ;Output: RF.1=double digit hex value also displayed  
 RD=RD+2  
 ;Called by: INIT  
 ;Calls: GETKEY DSPDIG  
 ;Changes: RF.1

0447	D4 04 00	DOUBLD: CALL GETKEY	;Get the first digit
4A	D4 04 26	CALL DSPDIG	;Display @ RD (RD=RD+1)
4D	9F	GHI RF	;Get digit passed back in RF.1
4E	FE	SHL	;Shift it left four times
4F	FE	SHL	; to move the digit over
50	FE	SHL	; to the most significant
51	FE	SHL	; digit position
52	73	STXD	;Push onto stack
53	D4 04 00	CALL GETKEY	;Get the second digit
56	D4 04 26	CALL DSPDIG	;And display it @ RD (RD=RD+1)
59	60	IRX	;Point to saved digit on stack
5A	9F	GHI RF	;Get new second digit
5B	F1	OR	;Combine via logical OR
5C	BF	PHI RF	;Place in RF.1 to pass back
5D	D5	RETN	;Return

#### KEY C - DRAW CURRENT SHAPE

;Input: A shape table at \$0700 ending with FFFF  
 stop.  
 R7.1=page address of shape (usually=\$07)  
 ;Output: Shape drawn. R7 addresses the FFFF stop  
 indicator  
 ;Called by: Main Loop RECVR  
 ;Calls: CLEAR SHAPE

045E	D4 01 30	KEYC: CALL CLEAR	;Erase display
61	F8 00	LDI \$00	;Set R7= \$0700 the address
63	A7	PLO R7	; of the shape table
64	D4 00 84	CALL SHAPE	;Draw the shape
67	27	DEC R7	;R7 addresses the FFFF
68	27	DEC R7	; stop indicator again
69	D5	RETN	;Return

## KEY D - DRAW LINE

;Input: RC=cursor X,Y  
 ;Output: Line drawn to cursor (unless Shape table  
 is full)  
 X,Y and \$FFFF placed in Shape table  
 ;Called by: Main Loop  
 ;Calls: LINE  
 ;Changes: R7, RD

046A	87	KEYD: GLO R7	;Test if R7 is at end of
6B	FB FE	XRI \$FE	; shape table
6D	32 88	BZ 1F	;If so, then go to exit
6F	9C	GHI RC	;Set RD=RC which will
70	BD	PHI RD	; be the "to" point ( $X_1, Y_1$ )
71	8C	GLO RC	; for the line to be
72	AD	PLO RD	; drawn
73	27	DEC R7	;Point R7 to the last ( $X_0, Y_0$ )
74	27	DEC R7	; coordinates in the shape table
75	47	LDA R7	;Transfer $X_0, Y_0$ to RC which will
76	AC	PLO RC	; be the "from" point
77	47	LDA R7	; of the line (R7 is left at
78	BC	PHI RC	; its previous value)
79	D4 01 47	CALL LINE	;Draw the line from RC to RD
7C	8C	GLO RC	;Transfer RC to the shape table
7D	57	STR R7	; increasing it by two bytes.
7E	17	INC R7	; RC is equal to $X_1, Y_1$ because
7F	9C	GHI RC	; of LINE
80	57	STR R7	
81	17	INC R7	
82	F8 FF	LDI \$FF	;Then insert an \$FFFF stop
84	57	STR R7	; indicator into the last
85	17	INC R7	; two bytes of the
86	57	STR R7	; table.
87	27	DEC R7	
88	D5	RETN	;Return from subroutine

## KEY E - ERASE LINE

;Input: None. Usually a shape table with R7  
 addressing some X,Y  
 ;Output: Last line erased.  $X_1, Y_1$  overwritten  
 by \$FFFF  
 ;Called by: Main Loop  
 ;Calls: KEYC  
 ;Changes: R7, RC, RD

0489	87	KEYE: GLO R7	;Test if R7.0 < 2 meaning the
8A	FF 03	SMI \$3	; shape table is empty
8C	3B A1	BM 1F	;If so, cancel routine - no
			; lines to erase
8E	FF 01	SMI \$1	;Else set R7=R7-4 to address
90	A7	PLO R7	; X <sub>0</sub> ,Y <sub>0</sub> in table
91	E7	SEX R7	;X=7 for upcoming transfers
92	72	LDXA	
93	AC	PLO RC	;RC.0=X <sub>0</sub>
94	72	LDXA	
95	BC	PHI RC	;RC.1=Y <sub>0</sub>
96	72	LDXA	
97	AD	PLO RD	;RD.0=X <sub>1</sub>
98	F0	LDX	
99	BD	PHI RD	;RD.0=Y <sub>1</sub>
9A	F8 FF	LDI \$FF	;Set FFFF stop indicator
9C	73	STXD	; into shape table, erasing
9D	57	STR R7	; the last X <sub>1</sub> ,Y <sub>1</sub> points
9E	D4 04 5E	CALL KEYC	;Show shape to this point
A1	D5	1H: RETN	;Return

04A2 - 04A6 -- Available bytes. Don't ask.

#### OR/XOR SUB

;Input: None  
 ;Output: \$012D in POINT sub flopped from OR to XOR  
 or from XOR to OR  
 ;Called by: CURSOR  
 ;Changes: RF and M(\$012D)  
 ;Warning: First instructions in a program should  
 initialize \$012D to a known starting value  
 (either \$F1 for OR or \$F3 for XOR). Ignoring  
 this warning could lead to odd intermittent  
 bugs upon using the reset switch.

04A7	F8 01	ORXOR: LDI \$01	;Set RF= address of the OR
A9	BF	PHI RF	; or XOR instruction
AA	F8 2D	LDI \$2D	; in POINT sub. (@\$012D)
AC	AF	PLO RF	
AD	0F	LDN RF	;Load current instruction
AE	FB 02	XRI \$2	;Change OR to XOR/XOR to OR
B0	5F	STR RF	;Put new instruction back
B1	D5	RETN	;Return from subroutine

\*Note: This sub changes a byte inside POINT. If POINT is put into ROM, such a "self modification" would not work.

### SHOW AND ERASE CURSOR @ RC

;Input: RC is cursor X,Y  
 ;Output: Cursor blinked once  
 ;Called by: Main Loop  
 ;Calls: TIMER ORXOR  
 ;Changes: RE, RF (in TIMER sub)

04B2	D4 04 A7	CURSOR:	CALL ORXOR	;Change POINT to XOR
B5	9C		GHI RC	;Transfer cursor X,Y to
B6	BE		PHI RE	; RE for displaying
B7	8C		GLO RC	
B8	AE		PLO RE	
B9	D4 01 08		CALL POINT	;Do sub -- show cursor
BC	D4 04 CD		CALL TIMER	;Wait for a little
BF	9C		GHI RC	;Again, transfer RC to
04C0	BE		PHI RE	; RE this time to
C1	8C		GLO RC	; erase the cursor
C2	AE		PLO RE	
C3	D4 01 08		CALL POINT	;Do sub -- erase cursor
C6	D4 04 CD		CALL TIMER	;Wait -- causes blink
C9	D4 04 A7		CALL ORXOR	;Reset POINT to OR
CC	D5		RETN	;Return from subroutine
04CD	F8 04	TIMER:	LDI \$4	;Set RF.1=timer loop=
CF	BF		PHI RF	; speed of cursor
D0	2F	1H:	DEC RF	;Decrement RF
D1	9F		GHI RF	;Get high part of RF
D2	3A D0		BNZ 1B	;If not zero yet, loop back
D4	D5		RETN	;Return. RF.1=00/RF.0=FF

### INITIALIZE/RESET ON KEY F

;Input: R7.1=page of picture buffer  
 ;Output: Buffer set to \$FF bytes  
 User inputs X,Y into RC and into  $X_0, Y_0$   
 in shape table  
 Screen cleared  
 ;Called by: Main Loop HOLD  
 ;Calls: CLEAR DOUBLD  
 ;Changes: R7.0, RC, RD

04D5	D4 01 30	INIT:	CALL CLEAR	;Erase display
D8	E7		SEX R7	;X=7
D9	F8 FF		LDI \$FF	
DB	A7		PLO R7	;Set entire shape table

04DC	F8 FF	1H: LDI \$FF	; to \$FF bytes so any
DE	73	STXD	; size shape table will
DF	87	GLO R7	; work. Note that last byte
EO	3A DC	BNZ 1B	; (i.e. first in table) is
			; not set
E2	AD	PLO RD	;RD.0=00 (D register is zero here)
E3	9B	GHI RB	;RD=top left corner of display
E4	BD	PHI RD	; for showing hex digits
E5	D4 04 47	CALL DOUBLD	;Get X coordinate
E8	9F	GHI RF	
E9	FA 3F	ANI \$3F	;Limit X to 00-3F range
EB	AC	PLO RC	; and put in RC.0
EC	57	STR R7	;Also put into shape table
ED	17	INC R7	; via R7
EE	D4 04 47	CALL DOUBLD	;Get Y coordinate
F1	9F	GHI RF	
F2	FA 7F	ANI \$7F	;Limit to 00-7F range
F4	BC	PHI RC	; and put in RC.1
F5	57	STR R7	;Also put into shape table
F6	17	INC R7	; advancing R7.0 to \$02
F7	D4 01 30	CALL CLEAR	;Erase numbers from screen
FA	D5	RETN	;Return

;End SHAPE MAKER